



Advisory Committee on Juvenile Justice and Prevention

North Park Branch Henrico Public Library
April 6, 2016

Members Present

Craig Branch
Marilyn Brown
Lorenzo Collins
Uley Damiani
John Dougherty
Keith Farmer, Vice Chair
Lindsay Fisher, Chair
David Johnson
Alex Kamberis (for DSS)
Malcolm King (for DBHDS)
Julie McConnell
Regina O'Brien
Lilian Peake (for VDH)
C. Shane Ringressy
"Shelly" Lena Baker-Scott
Janet Van Cuyk (for DJJ)
Lawrence Webb
Amy Woolard

Members Absent

Robert Bell
Jo Ann Burkholder (for DOE)
Quwanisha Hines
Melvin Johnson
A. Tucker Obenshain
Diana Wheeler O'Connell
Bryce Reeves
Debbie Smith
Michael Wade

Others Present and Guests

Richard Firth
Ed Holmes
Laurel Marks
Ken Stables

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 1:03 p.m. by the Chair, Lindsay Fisher.

Introduction of Members Ms. Fisher asked all in attendance to introduce themselves.

Approval of Minutes The minutes of December 9, 2015 were reviewed. There being no corrections, a motion was made by Dave Johnson to approve the minutes of December 9, 2015, the motion was seconded, and the minutes were approved unanimously.

DMC Subcommittee

Malcolm King updated the committee on the January DMC subcommittee meeting

Grants Review subcommittee

Ed Holmes indicated that there were 17 JJ grants for review and that subcommittee meetings is planned for the last week in April or the first week in May.

DCJS Update

Laurel Marks updated the committee on the status of the recruitment and hiring for the vacant JJ Specialist position formerly held by Tracey Jenkins.

Ms. Marks discussed the VCO exception of the JJDP Act, and legislation (HB488) offered during the session. Members indicated that the proposed legislation would have had significant impact on the number children placed in foster care. There was additional discussion regarding limited alternatives for the judiciary, and funding for less restrictive, short term interventions that would be effective in serving status offenders.

Ms. Marks requested the committee's approval to use Title II funds for a targeted solicitation that would allow jurisdictions to develop suitable services for youth and provide the courts with additional options for status offenders who come before them. After a clarifying question, Ms. Marks confirmed that the idea was to provide alternatives for status offenders and not just those before the court on a violation of a court order. A motion was made by Ms. Woolard to approve the use of Title II funds. The motion was seconded. The use of Title II funds for the targeted solicitation was approved unanimously.

Compliance Update

Ken Stables updated the committee on compliance activities. He explained the compliance monitoring process, and described this year's overlapping compliance monitoring period and reporting dates, arising because of a change by OJJDP in reporting period.

DBHDS

Mr. Firth discussed with the committee the Virginia Young Adult Substance Abuse Treatment (YSAT) Initiative planning grant awarded to DBHDS for transition age youth ages 16-25.

DJJ

Ms. Van Cuyk updated the committee on the status the DJJ-Transformation initiative and the joint DSS/DJJ MOA regarding youth who are in foster care and committed to DJJ.

DSS

Alex Kamberis updated the committee on "Fostering Futures". Pending the Governor's approval, "Fostering Futures" will extend foster care services and adoption assistance to age 21, beginning July 1, 2016. Fostering Futures also allows eligible youth who were adopted after 16 years of age and who turn 18 years of age on or after July 1, 2016 to continue adoption assistance until age 21.

Chief Branch announced that Germanna Community College was sponsoring a Community Summit on Heroin and Opiate Addiction on April 28, 2016. The OAG's film will be screened and there will be a panel discussion.

New/Old Business

Public Comment: No public comments were made.

Chief Branch made a motion to adjourn, the motion was seconded. The motion to adjourn was approved unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 2:45 P.M.